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SUBJECT: CROATIA TO NAME FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER  
GRABAR-KITAROVIC AS AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

Classified By: Ambassador Robert A. Bradtke for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) During a January 21 meeting, Prime Minister Sanader informed the Ambassador that he and President Mesic had agreed that former Foreign Minister Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic would be the new Croatian Ambassador to the United States, replacing Neven Jurica who is moving to New York as Croatia's UN Perm Rep. The Prime Minister said that a formal agreement request would be made shortly, and he expressed the hope that this request would be approved as soon as possible.

¶2. (C) The Ambassador responded that Grabar-Kitarovic had an excellent reputation in Washington and was a very good choice. He expressed confidence that once the agreement request was received, the U.S. would act expeditiously.

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